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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: A.J. Fischer
RIKIO SHIBA ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 3627
Application No.: 09/975,968)
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Filed: October 15, 2001)
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For: COLLECTING METHOD BY)
INFORMATION PROCESSOR :
AND ORDERING METHOD OR)
SALES METHOD : February 11, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2002, Applicants
provisionally elect to prosecute Group I (Claims 1-4, 41, and 51), drawn to a collection
method in Class 345, subclass 780.

Further, Applicants elect to proceed with the prosecution of Species A2, B2,
and C3, represented by Figures 17, 9, and 12, respectively (on which Claims 1-4, 41, and
51 read).

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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